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TRANSPORTS WERE DEFEATED EASILY

Unbeaten Mt. Pleasant Team No Match for Speedy Republic Aggregation.

FINE RECORD WAS BROKEN

Isabella Team Never Threatened to Score on Hagerman in the Sunday Tilt.

The Transport Truck company team of Mt. Pleasant, which had met with fourteen straight victories for the season without having met a single defeat, has had its brilliant record blotted badly, just because the Mt. Pleasant fans were so confident that the Transport could show the Republic Trucks a thing or two. Saturday in Alma the Yellow and Black warriors defeated the Transport crowd to the tune of 7 to 3 and on Sunday, "Rip" Hagerman just toyed with the team at Mt. Pleasant and held them completely in check while Olmsted's men smashed out six runs.

The noise that had been coming from the Transport camp was such that Alma fans were highly tickled and elated at the result of the first game series which has been arranged. It was plain that the Alma fans were just as much pleased over these victories as any that have come the way of the Republics this year.

Opposing Miller, imported for the game, Main put up a good article of ball on Saturday, and the Transport would have scored less runs had it not been for the wobbles behind him. Two of the local errors were responsible for runs. Tooley's error in the first put Kench on the sacks and he scored, while Boyle's error in the eighth let Vitt count.

Chouinard was the star of Saturday, pulling a wonderful peg to the plate in the opening inning that held a second run away from the counting station, while in another inning he made a clever running catch, holding to the ball, although thrown from his balance in nailing the pill.

The Republics started strong, crashing out four hits in the first inning, which were followed by two bases on balls and a hit batsman. Three runs came in this inning, giving the Republics a lead that the Transport could not match up with. In the third with one down, three more hits were clustered, and two runs were counted. In the eighth, with the game already on ice the Republics crashed against the offerings of Miller again and three more hits again counted two runs.

The only time that the Tribe of Nevitt looked real dangerous was in the eighth, when with the bases full a good swat would have counted runs that would have tied the score. Main tightened up and the hit was not forthcoming. In the ninth, four runs needed to tie, the Transport died painfully, Main ending the game by striking out Vitt.

Score by innings—
Transport 100 010 001—3
Republics 302 000 02—7

Sunday it was just a case of how many runs the Republics could or wanted to count, as the Transport had no chance against the hurling of Hagerman. Only one man on the Transport team got as far as second base, he being Fitch, former Alma collegian. Three little bingles was all that "Rip" gave to the visitors.

The crowd of over 3,000 people, who packed the field, made it necessary to make a ground rule of two bases for any hit, and this kept down possibly some of the extra base hits off LaCronier. Seven of the twelve hits that the Republics got were two baggers, and it is not any stretch of imagination to suppose that some of these could have been made into triples had it not been for the ground rule, which worked against the local team, as the Transport didn't get such hits. Dunkle and Meidell were the hitting features of the game each getting three hits in four times at the plate. Dunkle had two doubles to his credit and Meidell one. Meidell also pulled the feature play of the day when he scooped Vitt's roller and nailed him at first by inches.

The team gave Hagerman fine support all during the game, and the Republics looked every inch the fine team that their record would lead one to believe.

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Republics 302 000 100—4
Transport 000 000 000—0

The two teams will clash in the third, fourth and fifth games of the series on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 4, 5 and 6, with the first two games to be played in Alma, it is expected.

REGISTER AT ONCE

Voters of the city, who desire to cast a vote at the primary election on Tuesday, August 31, and who are not registered, should see that their names are entered on the registration books before Saturday night of this week. Saturday, August 21, is the last day for registration before the primary election, and all voters should make certain that their names are on the books. Those desiring to register may do so at the city clerk's office.

Short and Long Distance Moving. Phone 674—adv*

REPUBLICAN CLUB

Women's Republican Club Organized Last Friday Evening.

In response to a call, about 30 enthusiastic women of Republican persuasion met at the city hall to talk over important campaign matters. Mrs. V. H. Shepard, who is the chairman of Gratiot county, introduced Mr. James G. Kress, Mr. H. S. Babcock of the "Record", and Mr. Ora L. Smith, prosecutor of Uthaca, who gave interesting short talks, telling of the necessity of organization and registration, after which an organization was effected with the following officers:

Chairman, Mrs. V. H. Shepard.
Vice Chairman, Mrs. F. E. Polasky.
Secretary-Treas., Mrs. H. Bently.
Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Ezra Smith.

First Ward, 1st precinct chairman, Mrs. Wallace Smith.

First Ward, 2nd precinct chairman, Mrs. John Knottner.

Second Ward, 1st precinct chairman, Mrs. J. C. Pardee.

Second Ward, 2nd precinct chairman, Mrs. J. B. Gargett.

Third Ward, chairman, Mrs. Harry Rockwell.

Fourth Ward, chairman, Mrs. Henry Soule.

These chairmen were given the privilege of appointing any number of sub-chairmen, and all this week the women have been busy making a house to house canvass of women voters, their address and their politics, and urging registration before August 21, thus being prepared to cast a ballot at the fall election. Every woman should take pride in exercising her prerogative at that time.

Short order and regular meals. Republic Billiard and Lunch Hall, under new management. Over Glass & Hannah's—adv*

FORTINO BROTHERS

PURCHASE BUILDING

Miller-Harry Structure on East Side is Bought by Hustling Alma Firm.

A deal was closed here Friday whereby Fortino Brothers, wholesale Alma fruit dealers, purchased the two-story block at the corner of Euclid and Michigan avenues, of Roy Miller of Lansing and Carl Harry of Alma, who constructed the building a few years ago. The consideration is said to have been \$9,000.00.

Paul Fortino, one of the members of the firm of Fortino Brothers, stated after the transaction had taken place, that it was the intention of the firm to open a store in the newly purchased block, similar to the Superior street store.

It is the expectation of the firm to remodel the interior of the building to a considerable extent, before installing the fixtures that will be used in the east side store.

Not only will the firm have a fruit and candy store at that location, but also a soda fountain and ice cream parlor, the first to be located on the east side of the river.

It is expected that it will take from thirty to sixty days to get the building in readiness for the new store.

PLAYGROUNDS

Plans Being Laid for Playgrounds in This City.

Melvin Sheppard is spending several days in Alma with the local recreation council, and the plans for the recreation work and playgrounds, upon which the council is planning, are now going forward rapidly.

City Manager William E. Reynolds has already made a great change in Wright Park by the introduction of new swings and other amusement devices for the youngsters of the city, and this spot is rapidly becoming one of the favorite places of the city with the kiddies.

Plans are being formulated for playgrounds in other parts of the community, which will have for the amusement of the youngsters, as well as to provide them with a wholesome exercise. These features are expected to interest them to a great extent and to keep their attention from things that youngsters are not expected to do, but which are done at times simply because nothing better offers at the time. It is felt that given the proper start in life youngsters will profit greatly by such playgrounds.

Not only is the Alma Community Council greatly interested in the matter, but the city commission and the school board as well, and there is very little doubt but what these organizations will all co-operate in the upbuilding of the young of Alma in this way.

Manager Reynolds has visions at the present time of a fine park at the site of the waterworks, when the unsightly holes there are filled up, and of another fine park by the river on South State, where he also hopes to see a fine swimming pool within the next few years.

A sand pump has already been ordered by Reynolds, which will be used in pumping sand from the river into the two places, filling them in and gradually making them into suitable places for parks.

We would be pleased to show you samples of Cannon coal. Brown-Ward Co., phone 25—001f.

NEW CONCERN FORMED HERE

Truck Parts and Foundry Co. is Name of New Alma Corporation.

TAKES CARBURETOR FACTORY

Charles O. Ward, Henry H. Soule and Harley Williams are Heavily Interested.

The Truck Parts and Foundry company has been organized in this city and has already started business at the plant of the Western Carburetor company which it has taken over, and while only about ten men are on the payroll at the present time, it is confidently expected that it will not be many months before forty or fifty men are being used at the plant of the new Alma concern.

Three of Alma's well known men are behind the newly organized company, which has a capitalization of the present time of \$12,000. They are Henry H. Soule, Charles O. Ward and Harley Williams. The three men see a fine future for such an enterprise in Alma, after business conditions get more settled and they are preparing to be ready for this business, as industrial conditions through the country take a turn for the better which is expected within the next few weeks.

Through an arrangement with the Alma Board of Trade, the new company has taken over the plant of the Western Carburetor company, and is rapidly settling up the affairs of the company, which will be closed out just as rapidly as the business of the corporation can be wound up.

ARMY EFFORTS

Snyder Tells of What the New U. S. Army is Doing.

A large audience witnessed the "Price of Peace" pictures shown at the Strand theatre in this city, August 5th and 6th. Actual war scenes photographed by the U. S. Signal Corps, and released through the courtesy of the Army Recruiting Service, and a running lecture delivered by Sergeant Elmer R. Snyder of the Grand Rapids recruiting party, illuminated the pictures. In addition, the sergeant spoke on educational and vocational opportunities offered to young men while serving a one or three year enlistment in the new peace army. Sergeant Snyder said in part, "There has seldom been a time in the history of the military establishment when an enlisted man of ambition and determination could not improve himself tremendously along educational and vocational lines. The encouragement of such improvement, however, was subsidiary to the main object of the small pre-war army, which was the development of a hard-fighting, dependable force capable of expansion, and which was to be the foundation and nucleus of a powerful army of citizen-soldiers. In pre-war days vocational and educational improvement did not constitute the goal to which much of the energy of the military establishment was directed, but with lessons of the great conflict being studied diligently the new army has committed itself to a program of education and instruction which assures every young man of a fair start in life. At the larger camps throughout the country regular courses of instruction are being offered. These courses include clerical courses, commercial courses, modern language courses, English courses, and practically all technical subjects with which the army has to deal, including instruction in many important trades. Few persons realize the significance of the educational work of the new army. It is not merely that enlisted men are going to school and that soldiers throughout the army are receiving general and special education as part of their training; but that men are enlisting in order that they may take advantage of these educational opportunities and be better prepared to re-enter civilian life, and the whole purpose of army enlistment is being subjected to ideals of civic upbuilding that are of tremendous importance. Never before, in the history of the American army or any other army, have such opportunities been put before the soldier. Whether he merely wishes to learn to speak mother English grammatically, or is ambitious to learn a trade, the new system affords him a way. Hereafter no man need leave the service without returning to civil life equipped with knowledge that will secure him a good position at good pay in the trade or occupation he has learned during his enlistment. Those who seek expert employees will look to 'graduated' army men as probably the best equipped technically trained men to be had. The army training will, however, be broader than merely to fit a man into industry. It will make him a better citizen, a broader minded man in every way. It will bring to thoroughly practical industrial training the culture that can be reasonably combined therewith. It is proposed to make the army not only a military force to be trained and

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Various other matters pertaining to the market conditions in Alma, housing conditions, etc., came up at the meeting for short discussions.

INTERESTS MANY

DeKoven Opera, "Robin Hood" is Creating a Big Interest.

The coming of "Robin Hood" is proving an interesting topic, refuting as it does the idea that in order to hear a really worthwhile production one must go to a big city.

Ralph Dunbar's productions are very highly considered in theatrical circles throughout the country, and the company that presents "Robin Hood" here is one of his best. It comes here from Lansing, and following the Alma engagement it goes to Flint, the Auditorium in Saginaw, and opens the season at the New Detroit theatre in Detroit.

Mr. Miller, manager of the Strand theatre, where "Robin Hood" will be shown next Monday night, is very keenly interested in the results of his first attempt to put on a big road attraction, as the support he gets on this one will in a large measure determine whether big, high class attractions will be brought here from time to time in the future. It is hoped that he will not be disappointed, and that the theater goers of Alma and vicinity will turn out in full force and fill the Strand theatre to capacity.

It is recommended that those who have not already made reservations, do so at once in order to avoid delay at the box office Monday night, as those arriving after the curtain goes up on the first act will not be seated until after the first act is over, as it is unfair to disturb those who come early and are seated before the performance begins.

BOARD OF TRADE

MEETING THURSDAY

Luncheon Held and Plans for the Re-Organization Given Consideration.

The second of a series of luncheons at which plans are being laid for the re-organization of the Alma Board of Trade, was held Thursday evening at the fire station, the firemen's room being used for the banquet and the discussions regarding the board.

Following a very fine luncheon, Charles G. Rhodes, as president of the Board of Trade, acted as chairman of the meeting and called upon John C. Chick for a report as to the decision that had been made by the committee of which he was chairman. Mr. Chick stated that it was the opinion of the committee that the name of the Board of Trade should be changed to the Alma Chamber of Commerce, making the name conform to the desires and wishes of the National Chamber of Commerce, which has urged in the past that such title.

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Spuds and beefsteak. Republic Billiard and Lunch Hall, under new management—adv*

Best Candies—DeLuxe—77-f-c

ALMA SCHOOLS TO OPEN SOON

Largest Attendance in History is Being Looked For This Year.

NEW EQUIPMENT SECURED

Many Non-Resident Students Are Making Application for Admission Here.

The Alma public schools will open on Tuesday, September 7, and active preparations are already under way for the biggest year that the local schools have ever had.

It is anticipated that there will be the largest enrollment this year that either the high school or the grades have ever had. Many non-resident students have made application for admission to the high school during the past few weeks and the stream of applications is as yet showing no signs of a let down.

The local school authorities are extending a welcome to all students who are desiring a high school education or wish to take advantage of the grade work in the local schools. The tuition for the high school is \$50.00 and for the grades \$40.00.

Superintendent Kelder feels that the schools, in both grades and high school, will have a strong teaching staff, and coupled with the many improvements in equipment that have been made, promise for far better school work this coming year than ever before. Manual training, cooking and sewing equipment has been added in both the Republic and the Washington schools, giving a complete equipment for visual education.

New advantages are being offered in the courses of study this year in the Junior and Senior high schools, which include academic, commercial and industrial courses for the high schools, as well as physical education for all boys and girls, forming an education for efficiency in every day life.

HYDE REUNION

Annual Reunion of Hyde Family Held in Ithaca Saturday.

On Saturday, August 14, occurred the ninth annual Hyde reunion which was held in Woodland park at Ithaca. The members of the Hyde tribes began to gather early in the day and when dinner was served about sixty-five were present, and talk of eels, well if tables could talk they would have protested against being loaded so heavily with the things that satisfy man's appetite and make him wish his stomach was made of rubber.

After all began to feel more comfortable a business meeting was called and was opened by minutes of last year's meeting being read by the secretary. In the line of new business a president for next year was elected, same being Oliver Hyde of Alma, also the secretary and treasurer. Those present were James Hyde and wife of St. Johns, Wallace Messler, wife and family of St. Johns, Mrs. Jane Hyde of St. Johns, Lewis Hyde and family of St. Johns, Chas. Freeman and wife of Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hyde of Grand Lodge, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Hyde and family of Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hyde of Alma, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLaren and family of Alma, Mrs. Giles McLaren of Alma, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clady of Ithaca, Mrs. Celia Wisner and family of Elwell, Mr. and Mrs. William Barnes of Sumner, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hyde of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Conlin of Alma. The visitors present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Boutton, Jr., and children of Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Boutton, Sr., of Cleveland, H. C. Boutton of Cleveland, Mrs. Schmidt and two sons of St. Johns, Miss Goldie Van Huesen of St. Johns.

Late in the day (about 5:30) lunch baskets were packed away and each in his own little flivver or car, as the case might be, wended his homeward way deeming the day profitably spent and promised to come again when next the reunion is held.

OLD SETTLER PASSES AWAY
Harvey Eugene Kirby, oldest son of George and Julia Kirby, was born in Vevay, Ingham county, Michigan, March 5, 1848, and died Sunday August 8, 1920, after a short illness. Although he had been in poor health for a number of years, his condition was not considered serious until a week before his death. In 1879 he was married to Corena A. Hall also of Vevay and in 1881 he moved to Gratiot county, Michigan, and settled on the farm where he has since resided. He leaves to mourn their loss a widow, Corena A. Kirby, and two children, George H. and Nellie M. Corner both of this vicinity. His oldest daughter, Lora, preceded him to the Great Beyond five years ago.

RAIL LIGHTS

Fast Going Republics to Meet Toledo Team at that Place.

To fill in the open dates this coming Saturday and Sunday, left by the cancellation of the Logan Squares of Chicago, the Republic Trucks have scheduled the Toledo Rail Lights for another series, which will be played in the Ohio city on those days.

The reason given by Manager Callahan of the Logan Squares for cancelling with the Alma team was the fact that the Republics had played the Staleys, a team that the Logans had black-listed. That fact should not bar the Republics from meeting the Logan Squares, and is not thought to have been a real reason. Recently, Callahan endeavored to make a shift in dates with the local team so that they would play the Pyottis in Chicago Saturday and the Squares on Sunday, and as Manager Olmsted objected to changing the scheduled games, Callahan fearing the loss of popularity with his Chicago fans by losing two straight to a team from a little Michigan burg, just had to hatch up an excuse, and really Mr. Callahan it is a mighty slim one.

The Rail Lights, beaten in two games in Alma by close scores, have victories over the Logan Squares, so they are naturally a better team for the Republic Trucks to meet any way, and the Rail Lights are able to appreciate their class, and their drawing power at the gate. They know that the Alma team ranks among the very best in the central middle west.

While the Republics defeated the Rail Lights in Alma twelve close games they are by no means certain that they can again turn the trick, but the brilliant record of the Trucks naturally leads to the belief that the Toledo Traction team will be forced to play some, if it wins.

Small Consumer Will Pay Ten Per Cent More for Current That He Uses.

Announcement of an increase in the rate has been this week by the Central Michigan Light & Power Co. of this city, the increase for the small consumer, the smallest increase made, being ten per cent, with a five per cent additional charge on bills not paid by the tenth of the month. The raise made by the company will be effective on the bills for August service, the announcement stated.

Seen yesterday morning Manager Holcomb of the company stated that the increase was necessary because of the increased cost of coal, labor and materials, but that it was far smaller than the increased costs would make justifiable. The company's coal contract recently expired and it is now facing greatly increased costs in the open market, it was given out. He said that the company was in hopes that the rate would prove sufficient, but that if the coal market does not show an adjustment soon it may be necessary to put on a still further increase, although the company will not make a further increase unless it is absolutely necessary.

All during the war, when material and labor costs were continually mounting the Central Michigan Light & Power company held to the rate that it had been granted in the franchise that it secured here, and gradually, during this time it saw its profits dwindling from these increasing costs. Then came the big increase in the price of coal, which put a far increased cost on the company, making the present rate, the first by this company, imperative, if the company was not to lose money rapidly.

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There is no question but what the Central Michigan Light & Power company has been very fair with the public. Since the starting of the war when costs first started to mount, it has been taking the loss in profits from increased costs, and has steadily continued to do so, until the costs have reached a point where the profits have been wiped out, making it necessary to pass along to the public a small amount of the increase.

No one could dispute or would dispute that the company has been most fair in the increase charge that it has made, as any one can readily see that increased costs of labor, coal and materials, have averaged far higher than ten per cent. In fact in some cases the increase has been a hundred per cent or more. The ten per cent increase, one of the smallest that any company has made, is only a small part of the average increase in costs of production, when the average of all costs is given careful consideration.

FIRE FRIDAY

Department Called to Alma Storage Battery Company.

Late Friday evening the Alma fire department was called to the Alma Electric and Battery Company at the corner of East Superior and Gratiot, where an automobile had caught fire from some source, and for a few minutes it looked as though the department would have one of the worst fires on its hands that it has had for some time.

The fire got a quick start and when the department started to throw water, the workroom of the company in the rear of the block was a mass of flames, but quick and efficient work on the part of the department quelled the blaze with a small loss, aside from the damage to the automobile, that was in the workroom for repairs.

The department deserves considerable commendation for its fine work that evening in saving the city from what might have been a disastrous fire.

OPEN SOON

Republic Truck Factory Will Start Operations Following Inventory.

It is now expected that following the close of the inventory, which is now being taken at the Republic Motor Truck Company's plant, that the factories will again resume operation. It is expected that operations will be started on September 1, according to a statement made Friday by O. W. Hayes, general manager of the company.

The plants closed on Thursday evening of last week, and the following day a full and complete inventory of the factory and stock was started and it is expected that it will take until September 1, to complete this work, as the inventory is to be complete in every detail.

DeLuxe Candies are best—77-f-c

RAISE IN RATES MADE BY COMPANY

Central Michigan Light and Power Company Boosts the Charges.

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ANNUAL REUNION

The fourteenth annual reunion of the Bollinger family was held in the Carson Bollinger Grove on the banks of Fish creek Saturday, August 14. Beside the many members of the family residing in Michigan there were in addition, Mr. Ergensinger and Mr. Yarger with their families from eastern Ohio and Mrs. Clara Layman with her children from Manchester, Indiana. One hundred twenty-seven members of the family were present to enjoy the festivities. A splendid volunteer program was the interesting event of the afternoon. In the late evening the families departed with a wish that many more such gatherings could be enjoyed.

TURN DOWN RESOLUTION

A resolution offered Tuesday evening at the meeting of the city commission by A. J. Archer that the sum of \$10,000 be provided for a new bridge on South State street across Pine river, and that the sum of \$5,000 be provided for the beautifying of the approaches to that bridge, was voted down.

Because of a lack of city funds, and because of a question as to whether or not such a sum could be provided for this purpose without going to a vote of the voters of the city, and because of other less important reasons the commission voted not to adopt the resolution.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the fellow workmen, neighbors and Sunday school, for the floral offering and their help and sympathy during the sickness and death of our little child.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ewing, Orlo Ewing, Reva Ewing, Mrs. Maud Ewing.